

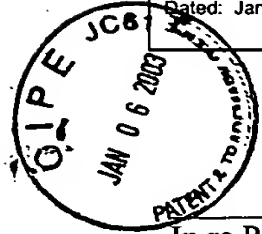
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Mike Bimm, et al.

Application No.: 09/347,112

Group Art Unit: 2141

Filed: July 2, 1999

Examiner: A. Mirza

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UNIVERSAL  
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**AMENDMENT**

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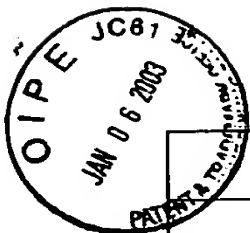
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2002 (Paper No. 4), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**In the Specification**

As provided for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Each element type, device, as well as other managed objects requires a separate set of rules to be tailored to the nature of the object, its specific hardware and software, and the business practices of the company. Each rule set provides the details for the management of the particular object to which the rules are directed. NetExpert's Fourth Generation Language (4GL) editors permit this customization to be performed by subject matter experts (SMEs). They use their knowledge to create simple sets of rules such as "if-then" statements to manage their Network Elements, EMs or NMSs, rather than requiring skilled programmers to integrate devices and other elements with additional computer software code such as C



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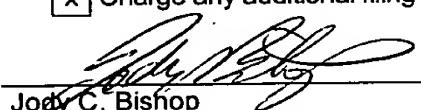
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 06-2380  
as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.☒ Credit any overpayment.☒ Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.  
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